

# Punu language

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**Yipunu** also known as *isira*, is a Niger-Congo language spoken in Republic of Gabon and Republic of Congo by several thousand people, mainly of the Punu and Ghisir people, the largest of the four major ethnic groups in Gabon. Yipunu has about 120 thousand native speakers, mainly from the southern Region, including 8 thousand speakers in southern French Congo. It is classified as B.43 in the Guthrie classification.

Rimba is sometimes considered to be a dialect, but its lexicon is divergent.

## See also

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- Rimba language

## References

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<b>Punu</b>	
Bapunu	
<b>Native to</b>	Gabon, Republic of Congo
<b>Region</b>	Central Africa
<b>Ethnicity</b>	Punu
<b>Native speakers</b>	166,000 (2007) <sup>[1]</sup>
<b>Language family</b>	Niger–Congo <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Atlantic–Congo</li> <li>▪ Benue–Congo</li> <li>▪ Bantoid</li> <li>▪ Southern Bantoid</li> <li>▪ Bantu (Zone B)</li> <li>▪ Sira</li> <li>▪ <b>Punu</b></li> </ul>
<b>Language codes</b>	
<b>ISO 639-3</b>	puu
<b>Glottolog</b>	puu1239 ( <a href="http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/punu1239">http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/punu1239</a> ) <sup>[2]</sup>
<b>Guthrie code</b>	B.43 <sup>[3]</sup>

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